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CAST PART FOR AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 26, 2005, the Second Information Disclosure Statement filed October 31, 2005, and the Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed May 7, 2007, Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 together with foreign references cited in an opposition against German Patent DE 103 04 971, on which the above-identified application claims priority. DE 43 41 040 and DE 30 10 635, also cited in the opposition, were previously cited in Applicant's October 31, 2005 Second Information Disclosure Statement and August 26, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement, respectively.

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US 4,033,312 corresponds to DE 25 01 772 and shows a state of the art similar to DE 30 10 635 and U.S. 4,237,847 cited in Applicant's August 25, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement and to the state of the art described in Applicant's disclosure (see FIGS. 1 and 2). All guide ducts are subsequently introduced into the cast crankcase in several mechanical steps. There are no tubes embedded inside of the crankcase during casting of the latter.

JP 55-019608 discloses a cast hollow <u>crankshaft</u> with cast in pipes. Holes are subsequently drilled in the crankshaft and the pipes in order to get oil holes for lubrication of the connection rod bearings. This document belongs to another technical field which is very far away from that technical field to which Applicant's cast crankcase belongs. Further, several pipes have to be cast in and several bores have to be drilled in order to get the necessary supply system.

U.S. Patent 5,000,244 and AU 610786 B disclose a crankcase which was generated by means of the lost foam casting method. That crankcase does not include guide ducts being implemented in the form of a tube and being embedded during casting of the crankcase.

Because this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after a first Office Action, the official fee of \$180 is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment to our deposit account number 03-2468.

It is respectfully requested that the foregoing Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) be incorporated into the official file of the present patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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